

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—309) **Pages S7878–79, S7881**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7896.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of R. D. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### SUPERFUND AND WASTE CLEANUP FOLLOWING NATURAL DISASTERS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine challenges facing Superfund and waste cleanup efforts following natural disasters, after receiving testimony from Bryan W. Shaw, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Chairman, Austin; Matthew Rodriguez, California Environmental Protection Agency Secretary, Sacramento; and Tracy Hester, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* On Tuesday, December 5, 2017, Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1118, to reauthorize the North Korea Human Rights Act of 2004, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1901, to require global economic and political pressure to support diplomatic denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, including through the imposition of sanctions with respect to the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and any enablers of the activities of that Government, and to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 447, to require reporting on acts of certain foreign countries on Holocaust era assets and related issues, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 150, recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of

the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance;

S. Res. 139, condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, with amendments; and

The nominations of Eric M. Ueland, of Oregon, to be an Under Secretary (Management), James Randolph Evans, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Kenneth J. Braithwaite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, M. Lee McClenny, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Christopher Ashley Ford, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Security and Non-Proliferation), and Yleem D. S. Poblete, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Verification and Compliance), all of the Department of State, and Brock D. Bierman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

### COUNTERING TERRORISM IN NORTH AFRICA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine beyond ISIS, focusing on countering terrorism, radicalization, and promoting stability in North Africa, after receiving testimony from Nathan A. Sales, Ambassador-At-Large and Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, and Joan Polaschik, Deputy Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of State.

### DEFENDING THE HOMELAND AGAINST THE EVOLVING TERRORIST THREAT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine adapting to defend the Homeland against the evolving international terrorist threat, after receiving testimony from Mark E. Mitchell, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict; Lora Shiao, Acting Director of Intelligence, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Nikki Floris, Deputy Assistant Director of Counterterrorism, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Robin Taylor, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence Operations, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1870, to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 664, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo in Utah, to authorize construction of projects in connection therewith, and S. 1770, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Hualapai Tribe and certain allottees in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, after receiving testimony from Alan Mikkelsen, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Chair, Working Group on Indian Water Settlements, Department of the Interior; Utah Lieutenant Governor Spencer Cox, Salt Lake City; Thomas Buschatzke, Arizona Department of Water Resources Director, Phoenix; Russell Begaye, The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; and Damon Clarke, Hualapai Tribe, Peach Springs, Arizona.

**FIREARM ACCESSORY REGULATION AND ENFORCING REPORTING TO NICS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine firearm accessory regulation and enforcing Federal and state reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), including S. 2135, to enforce current law regarding the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and S. 1916, to prohibit the possession or

transfer of certain firearm accessories, after receiving testimony from Senator Cortez Masto; Heather Wilson, Secretary of the Air Force, and Glenn A. Fine, Acting Inspector General, both of the Department of Defense; Thomas E. Brandon, Acting Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Douglas E. Lindquist, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; David W. Slayton, Texas Office of State Court Administration, Austin; J. Thomas Manger, Montgomery County Police Department, Gaithersburg, Maryland, on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association; Stephen P. Halbbrook, The Independent Institute, Fairfax, Virginia; David B. Kopel, Independence Institute, Denver, Colorado; and Heather Gooze, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**AMERICA'S AGING WORKFORCE**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's aging workforce, focusing on opportunities and challenges, after receiving testimony from Laurie McCann, AARP, Washington, D.C.; Fernan R. Cepero, YMCA of Greater Rochester, Rochester, New York, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management; Ralph Jellison, Orland, Maine; and Lisa Motta, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 4558–4580, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 140, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund (H. Rept. 115–441);

H.R. 1800, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–442);

H. Res. 647, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 477) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies;

providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3971) to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 to modify the requirements for community financial institutions with respect to certain rules relating to mortgage loans, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 123) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–443);

H.R. 1148, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to telehealth-eligible stroke services under the Medicare program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–444, Part 1);

H.R. 3120, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the volume of future electronic health record-related significant hardship requests (H. Rept. 115–445, Part 1);

H.R. 3263, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the Medicare independence at